

*Council of Europe*  
*The Secretary General*

Strasbourg, 20 January 2021

Dear President,

Congratulations on your inauguration as the 46th President of the United States of America.

I am sure that our co-operation based on the values we all believe in – human rights, democracy and the rule of law – will continue and be reinforced during your term of office. We should be unabashed in defending and promoting multilateralism as our most effective co-operation framework.

2021 marks the 25th anniversary of the United States' observer status within the Council of Europe. The United States is a key partner of our Organisation in many specific areas, such as the fight against cybercrime, corruption, terrorism, the development of constitutional or international law, and the protection of the environment.

I know that during your presidential term we can continue to count on the support of your country in achieving our shared goals marked by the values which constitute our common heritage and on which our democracies rest.

I look forward to working with you and with your Government in the forthcoming four years.

Yours sincerely,

  
Marija Pejčinović Burić

Mr Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States of America